

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Katsuhiko MIKI

GAU: Unassigned

SERIAL NO: New Application

EXAMINER: Unassigned

FILED: Herewith

FOR: SHEET FEEDING METHOD AND DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/865,582, filed May 29, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**:  
**Application No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Filed** \_\_\_\_\_
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>	<b>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</b>
Japan	2000-158235	May 29, 2000
Japan	2001-117737	April 17, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/865,582 filed May 29, 2001
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
  - are submitted herewith
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Respectfully Submitted,

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